



June 17, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski:
Commissioner Michael J. Copps:
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker:
Commissioner Mignor Clyburn:

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20544

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As the Executive Director of Nevada Hispanic Services, I would like to thank you for acknowledging in your recent report to Congress that millions of Americans, many residing in rural areas, don't have broadband Internet access. To that point, wired broadband adoption among Hispanics, and other identified groups, is low, but notably Hispanics are leading adopters of mobile broadband usage.

We see the need for all Latinos to have broadband access in their communities, regardless of where they live. We have seen the National Broadband Plan and are encouraged by its outline to serve everyone through partnerships with both public and private industry. Just 68% of Latinos in the U.S. have broadband at home, and we want to make sure that all of our communities have access by creating a future framework that will allow that to happen.

I strongly urge your support of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile as a way to help close the digital divide. I feel it is important to support efforts like this merger that will positively impact our Latino communities in Nevada, both from an economic and social perspective. It gives our communities high-speed wireless broadband access quickly and in areas where it otherwise would take many years to build out. Latinos who rely on mobile devices and smart phones as their key communications link will have greater access to government and community services, entertainment options, job training and employment applications, and remote learning applications.

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We embrace the economic investment made by AT&T to deliver its mobile broadband networks across our state. Nevada Latinos in rural areas will get to experience the benefits of greater access and faster connectivity promised by 4G LTE.

Thank you for your consideration in approving this merger as a way to benefit all of our Latino residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

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